नवीकरण कराए जाने के कारण इस नीति के प्रति अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया नहीं हुई ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार नियमों को सरल बनाने और नवीकरण की समय सीमा को 5 वर्ष अथवा 10 वर्ष तक बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ङ) "ओपन स्काई नीति" शब्द का संबंध केवल भारत से बाहर की कार्गो उड़ानों से है । यह स्थायी आधार पर है । सिवाय अनुसूचित प्राचालकों के, भारत के बाहर कार्गो उड़ानों की अनुमति एक उड़ान से दूसरी उड़ान के आधार पर दी जाती है । इस प्रयोजन के लिए कोई परमिट नहीं दिया जाता है ।

Fare hike by Air India

3638. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to hike Air India fares by 15 per cent;

(b) what are the reasons for this proposed fare hike;

(c) whether Air India has implemented any economy measures during the past two financial years; and

(d) the details of any expenditure savings by Air India in last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In 1990-91, Air India imposed a 10 per cent budgetary cut on all controlable heads of accounts leading to a saving of Rs. 7.00 crores. Similarly in 1991-92 Air India deferred a part of the budgeted corporate advertising expenses leading to a saving of Rs. 10.00 crores.

International Air Cargo Flights from Bangalore

3639. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka through Mysore Sales International Limited is handing an Air Cargo Complex and has achieved exports of 4141 metric tonnes and imports of 2563 metric tonnes cargo during 1988-89 via other international airports;

(b) whether ever growing development of Bangalore and the ever increasing volume of Commerce necessitates operations of International Air Cargo Flights directly from Bangalore;

(c) whether this would cut down cost by road transport to other international airports; and

(d) if so, what steps are being takin to operate Air India International Cargo flights from Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Air India already operates direct freighter flights from Bangalore. In addition, Indian Airlines, Lufthansa, Kuwait airways etc. are also uplifting cargo from Bangalore.

International flights from Ahmedabad

3640. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ahmedabad Airport has been made ready for international flights; and

(b) if so, how many direct international flights are going to be started from there and by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (a) A new inter-